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THE RUNAWAY BALLOON.

Old Farmer Al Falfa and his pet cat were all tuned in with their radio sets, and were listening to all the local stations. Everything was coming over great, when all of a sudden comes a S.O.S. signal and all the stations closed down. A runaway balloon was announced.

Old Al and his cat grab their radio's and dash out to see what its all about. As they're running around looking up, the anchor of the balloon comes along and hooks to the rear clothing of old Al taking him along. They drift along, and bump into a church steeple, Al tries to hold on but the weather cock becomes "vain" and pecks him on the head. Al holds right and pulls the steeple right off the church.

Away up in the air, he keeps in touch with Alfred Cat by means of his radio, it happens to be one of those two way affairs that would also broadcast, and didn't need any batteries or power station. Finally he breaks loose from the balloon and tells the cat he is falling. He lands in some snowy country and sets up his radio set to call for help.

A flock of black bears come along and start to chase him. Finally he is surrounded, so he decides to try to get his cat to send Jazz music and charm the bears, this seems to work out fine and all of the bears start to dance. When they're all interested, Al kicks one at a time right into the radio horn, then he dives in afterwards.

Down home his cat takes up his radio set and runs away. He comes to a cliff scene, and turns on the radio, all the bears start coming out of the horn, the cat has a large mallet, and "beans" the bears as they come out, at last the farmer comes thru and gets a "smack" on the head also.

Bears and Farmer land at the bottom of the cliff. The cat at the top of the cliff becomes excited and stumbles overboard, they all land together. The bears chase the Farmer and the Cat for dear life.

Aesop Says: "A loud speaker is a sound investment."

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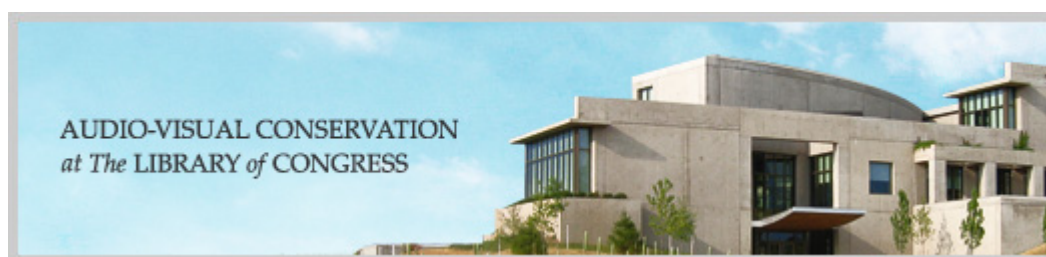
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